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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified application in accordance with the amendments and remarks as set forth herein.

INTRODUCTION

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6, 9-11, 14 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Werjefelt (US 4,683,880) and Dosch (US 5,113,854) in view of Baker (US 5,697,106). Claims 7, 8, 12 and 13 are objected to for depending from rejected base claims. The applicant hereby submits the following amendments and/or remarks, which are fully responsive to the Office Action. The Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1 – 15 are in condition for allowance.